

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. Cancelled
2. Cancelled
3. (Currently amended) A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4 wherein ~~an~~ the outlet of the water drain hole of the plug hole opens in the vicinity of a position below the outlet of the exhaust port.
4. (Currently amended) ~~A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine according to claim 1~~ A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine in which a plug hole for mounting an ignition plug is formed along a cylinder axis, and an intake port and an exhaust port are respectively formed at both sides of the plug hole while sandwiching the cylinder axis therebetween, the cylinder head further including an intake valve which opens or closes the intake port and an exhaust valve which opens or closes the exhaust port, wherein
a cross-sectional shape of a flow passage of an outlet of the exhaust port is an oval shape extending in the horizontal direction and a water drain hole of the plug hole is formed below the exhaust port, and
~~wherein~~ an outlet of the water drain hole of the plug hole opens inside a circle which circumscribes an outer periphery of a gasket provided to the outlet of the exhaust port.
5. (Currently amended) A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4 wherein a cooling water passage is disposed below the water drain hole.
6. (Currently amended) A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 8 wherein a cooling water passage is disposed below the water drain hole.

7. (Currently amended) A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 8 wherein ~~an~~ the outlet of the water drain hole of the plug hole opens in the vicinity of a position below the outlet of the exhaust port.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine according to claim 2~~ A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine in which a plug hole for mounting an ignition plug is formed along a cylinder axis, and an intake port and an exhaust port are respectively formed at both sides of the plug hole while sandwiching the cylinder axis therebetween, the cylinder head further including an intake valve which opens or closes the intake port and an exhaust valve which opens or closes the exhaust port, wherein
a cross-sectional shape of a flow passage of an outlet of the exhaust port is a shape obtained by flattening a lower portion of a circular shape and a water drain hole of the plug hole is formed below the exhaust port, and
~~wherein~~ an outlet of the water drain hole of the plug hole opens inside a circle which circumscribes an outer periphery of a gasket provided to the outlet of the exhaust port.

9. (Original) A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine according to claim 5 whereby a cooling water flow in the cooling water passage provides enhanced cooling efficiency.

10. (Original) A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine according to claim 6 whereby a cooling water flow in the cooling water passage provides enhanced cooling efficiency.

11. (New) A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine in which a plug hole for mounting an ignition plug is formed along a cylinder axis, and an intake port and an exhaust port are respectively formed at both sides of the plug hole while sandwiching the cylinder axis therebetween, the cylinder head further including an intake valve which opens or closes the intake port and an exhaust valve which opens or closes the exhaust port, wherein

a cross-sectional shape of a flow passage of an outlet of the exhaust port is an oval shape extending in the horizontal direction and a water drain hole of the plug hole is formed below the exhaust port,

projection brims are integrally formed with the cylinder head such that the projection brims surround a circumscribing circle which circumscribes an outer periphery of the gasket and the outlet of the water drain hole opens.

12. (New) A cylinder head of an internal combustion engine in which a plug hole for mounting an ignition plug is formed along a cylinder axis, and an intake port and an exhaust port are respectively formed at both sides of the plug hole while sandwiching the cylinder axis therebetween, the cylinder head further including an intake valve which opens or closes the intake port and an exhaust valve which opens or closes the exhaust port, wherein

a cross-sectional shape of a flow passage of an outlet of the exhaust port is a shape obtained by flattening a lower portion of a circular shape and a water drain hole of the plug hole is formed below the exhaust port,

projection brims are integrally formed with the cylinder head such that the projection brims surround a circumscribing circle which circumscribes an outer periphery of the gasket and the outlet of the water drain hole opens.